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AMENDMENT

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By Lynn Thompson  
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Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Official Office Action of the Examiner mailed April 10, 2002, setting a three-month shortened statutory period for response ending July 10, 2002.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 3, 17, 23, 25, 31 and 33 as follows:

1. (Amended) A building monitoring system utilizing bi-directional radio frequency communication comprising:

at least one master unit including a radio frequency transmitter and receiver; and

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